



NEWSLETTER 13

June 1994

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

was held on Sunday 3 April 1994, at 4 p.m. at Jani Haenke's house, 117 Mooloomba Road, Point Lookout. It was indeed a pleasant social occasion, besides completing all the business for which annual general meetings are held, in particular presentation of the auditor's report and election of the new committee. We are very happy to have some new faces on the committee, bringing fresh ideas and energy to the association.

The New Committee

President	Bruce Johnman
Hon. Secretary	Jani Haenke
Hon. Treasurer	Paddy Carter
Committee:	Ian Alfredson
	Michael Kennedy
	Rose-Maree Kubatov
	Denny Lambert
	Susan Martin
Hon. Auditor:	R. D. Owen FCPA

President's Report

1993-1994 has been another busy and important year for Friends of Stradbroke Island.

A major effort was made to contribute constructively to a new Development Control Plan for Point Lookout.

We had some success in negotiating a compromise regarding the Samarinda site by forcing developers and the Council to modify some of the more objectionable aspects of that development.

Now under discussion is an intelligent, practical and aesthetic proposal regarding the site for the OLMA Visitors' Information, Education and Arts Centre which will benefit the broader community.

We have also been involved in many other, less headline-grabbing, actions: Government reports have been analysed and responded to; consultative processes acted upon; Council actions monitored and addressed; the campaign continues regarding the Myora Fish Habitat Reserve and aspects of sand removal operations; other problems on the island have been drawn to the attention of appropriate Authorities, together with lobbying and some publicity.

Although we have had little time actively to recruit new members, our

membership numbers have remained stable and many responded most generously to our appeal for funds for the court case about the Samarinda development. It should be noted too that normal problems with money for such legal action were greatly relieved because a number of top quality professionals were prepared almost to donate their time and skill, charging not much more than for expenses incurred, because they saw the issue as an important one.

The main issue facing Friends of Stradbroke Island now is the limit to the energy of the people who make these actions happen. There is no doubt that associations like ours and Stradbroke Island Management Organisation [SIMO] need to exist, although it is not uncommon that there should be different views taken on occasion. However, few people are prepared to get involved, even in a limited way, with yet another committee/organisation.

Why? Apart from the obvious problem of private commitments, there appears to be a reluctance on the part of many to commit themselves to a community organisation like ours. If we don't overcome this, there is a real danger that FOSI will disintegrate or just come to reflect the views of a few.

True, FOSI is unashamedly for conserving the natural beauty and charm of North Stradbroke Island, but we recognise that the island will develop and so tourism and other economic activities are important. FOSI is also about ensuring that change is sensible and properly thought through, in the broader, long term interests of the island community, and contributes to the charm and attractiveness of the island.

We search for sensible compromises when faced with situations which cannot be overcome completely, and welcome the chance of correcting past mistakes where possible.

The simple fact is that we are a coalition of people with differing ideas and backgrounds who share a common view when confronted with the need to do something to ensure that North Stradbroke Island stays a special place.

Maybe we don't organise ourselves well enough to entice those who would

help. During my first year as President I have observed that this is our biggest obstacle in trying to continue the role we have set ourselves.

FOSI always owes considerable thanks to all who serve and assist, often at considerable inconvenience to themselves. However, I think we all recognise that Jani Haenke deserves our special thanks. Personally, may I thank all who have assisted me and offer my good wishes to the incoming committee.

Bruce Johnman

Statement of Receipts and Payments, 1 January 1993-31 December 1993

Opening balance	\$	\$	Payments	\$	\$
Suncorp 97-001179-7		4,101.44	Postage	403.83	
			Stationery & printing	735.54	
			Insurance	164.46	
			Corporate Affairs fees	19.00	
			Honorarium - gift	50.00	
			Development appeal	60.00	
			Membership fees		
			& subscriptions	57.00	
			Professional fees,		
			DCP Submission	1,610.00	3,099.83
			Closing balance		
			Suncorp 97-001179-7	3,283.52	
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					\$6,383.35
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Receipts

Membership fees	1,250.00
Donations	515.00
Fund raising	453.00
Bank interest	63.91
	2,281.91

I, Raymond D. Owen FCPA hereby certify that I have examined the books of account of Friends of Stradbroke Island Association (incorporated in Queensland) for the period 1 January 1993 to 31 December 1993 and that in my opinion and to the best of my belief that above financial statement is in accordance therewith and is a true and correct record of the transactions of the Association for that period and that the only assets of the Association consist of the cash balance held by Suncorp in account number 97-001179-7 as shown in the statements.

signed: Raymond D. Owen FRPA

30 March 1994

Subscriptions are due again!

When I took over as Treasurer on 3 April I was confused by the change in date of the AGM and thought that the subscription year had also been changed to run from April to March. In fact it continues to be from January to December, the same as the financial year. The date of the AGM was changed to allow members attending the meeting to see the auditor's report. So, if there is any confusion in the receipts I have sent to members, I apologise.

Subscriptions were due to be renewed on 1 January 1994. Many thanks to all those who have already paid for 1994. If you have not done so yet, you will find a red cross in the box below, and a

renewal form enclosed.

Your continuing participation is very important as it is only through a strong and supportive membership that we can achieve our aim of ensuring that any development on North Stradbroke Island does not impinge on or destroy the island's unique character and beauty.

Please will you send your subscriptions to: Hon. Treasurer, Friends of Stradbroke Island, P.O. Box 167, Point Lookout, Qld 4183.



We hope you will renew your subscription

Paddy Carter

New D.C.P. for Point Lookout

The planning firms preparing the new Development Control Plan [DCP] for Point Lookout have received comments from the Redland Shire Council and have almost completed a final version of the Plan to go back to Council. If this is accepted by the new Council, it will be put on display for final comments from the general public before it goes to the State Parliament.

Be sure to submit your comments because they will be considered relevant in court if you have objections later to the Council's planning decisions.

The new Council intends to subject the proposed plan to a thorough review. It is hoped that this review will be brief as the new DCP is most urgently needed at Point Lookout. *Jani Haenke*

Local Council Election

The outcome of the recent Redland Shire Council election was fairly satisfactory as it seems to have provided a Council which should be more caring for the Shire's natural values.

In spite of disappointment that Rosemary Skelly was not returned again, it is hoped that the new councillors will be more responsive to the issues of importance to North Stradbroke Island.

The new Mayor, Eddie Santagiuliana, who was formerly a councillor of long standing, is showing himself to be ready to meet with people and listen to them.

Cr Frank Bradley, the councillor for Division 2, which includes North Stradbroke Island, is keen to give the island more sympathetic attention than it has received recently, and to attend to our many concerns.

Meetings have been arranged with the Mayor and with Cr Bradley and we hope that they will result in a better understanding of the need to preserve the fragile environment of the island.

Jani Haenke

OLMA Visitors' Information, Education and Arts Centre

An advisory committee is at present engaged in discussions with Mr Ian Graham, Manager of Redlands Tourism, and an architect about the design of the new Visitors' Centre.

For a number of reasons FOSI is continuing to urge that it not be placed in Ballow Park, particularly because the proposed site is of great historical significance for a number of reasons;

see *Dunwich Heritage Study* on p4.

FOSI continues to press for the Visitors' Centre to be located in the vicinity of Dunwich Community Hall where facilities could be shared with other community groups.

Paddy Carter

An invitation to all members and their friends who are interested in the future of North Stradbroke Island

At the Annual General Meeting the opinion was voiced that Friends of Stradbroke Island Association was too remote from its members. There seemed to be a need for us all to get together and talk, not only about why we joined the association in the first place but also about solutions to the problems which face North Stradbroke Island.

As a result, you and your like-minded friends are invited to a *Conversazione*, a friendly gathering, to discuss the future of North Stradbroke Island. An invitation is enclosed and we hope very much that you will be able to come.

So mark in your calendar Sunday 22 May 1994, 10.30 a.m., and we hope to see you at 55 Yarrong Road, Point Lookout. *Denny Lambert*

Meeting with the Mayor and Councillor for Division 2, RSC

On 7 May representatives from island groups such as FOSI, SIMO, NSI Historical Museum Assn, Amity Progress Assn, met at Brown Lake with Mayor Eddie Santagiuliana and Cr Frank Bradley for reasonable and constructive discussions about North Stradbroke Island.

Among many topics raised were an Advisory Body representing the island, waste management, rare flora and fauna, historical importance of island, need for Heritage Register for whole shire.

The meeting ended with a feeling of optimism. *Paddy Carter*

Another Raffle!

At the AGM the retiring Treasurer, Evelyn Robbins, donated one of her original pieces of pottery for a raffle. It is an attractive flat, dark rimmed dish, 12" dia. 1½" deep, with sprigs of green leaves and dark pink buds on a pale yellow background. Tickets are \$1.00 each and the winner's name will be drawn as soon as 100 tickets are sold.

If you would like tickets, please telephone Denny Lambert on 409-8416, as I'm going on holiday! *Paddy Carter*

Dunwich Heritage Study

At the end of April an application was made to the Queensland Heritage Grants Programme for a project entitled *Dunwich Heritage Study*. Although the official applicant is the North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum Association Inc., the original idea was mooted by members of FOSI and SIMO as well as the Museum Association, and they helped with co-ordinating the application.

The team which will conduct the study comprises Thom Blake, an historian, Michael Kennedy and Robert Riddel, both architects. Members of the Museum Association, FOSI and SIMO will be called upon to contribute voluntary help when necessary.

The aim of the study is "to identify those places, both European and Aboriginal, in the township of Dunwich, North Stradbroke Island, which are of national, state and local cultural heritage significance".

The application describes the various uses to which Dunwich has been put since 1827 when the first European occupation occurred, evidence of which remains in the convict-built causeway and the privy pit. These are marked on the new leaflet put out for Heritage Week last month by the Museum, entitled *Take a Walk Around Historical Dunwich*.

Later Dunwich was used as a place of isolation and control. In 1850 a Quarantine Station was established there. The Benevolent Institution was opened in 1864 and remained there until 1947, when it was moved to Sandgate.

The study will also examine the important association with Aboriginal people, and North Stradbroke Island's place among the Moreton Bay islands.

It is hoped that the application is successful as it is vital that the study be done before development obliterates all evidence of the 1827 settlement.

Paddy Carter

[Know your natives! column will return in the next issue.]

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